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Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/8

2/8 Infantry Battalion

December 1940

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2178
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 2/8 Bn A.I.F

Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 40

To 14 DEC 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BURG EL ARAB	DEC 1.	A.M. P.M.	0830 UNIT CHURCH SERVICE. PREP. SECURITY DUTIES. COYS TAKE OVER SECURITY DUTIES.	Admin. Ins. No 25 ATTACHED (APP. 1)
BURG EL ARAB	DEC 2.		SECURITY DUTIES	
BURG EL ARAB	DEC 3.		DIV EXERCISE. REMAINDER OF Bn. NOT ON SEC. DUTIES PARTICIPATING. WEATHER SHOWERY + COLD.	(APPX 2.) ATTACHED. SKETCH + OP. ORDERS.
BURG EL ARAB.	DEC 4.	1400 hrs. 1900	NEW POSITION OCCUPIED ON RIGHT FLANK OF Bde. NIGHT ATTACK TO 875 146. NUMBER P.W. TAKEN.	(SKETCH ATTACHED). (APPX 3)
BURG EL ARAB	DEC 5.	1030.	DIV EXERCISE COMPLETED. RETURN TO CAMP.	
BURG EL ARAB	DEC 6.		SECURITY DUTIES ISSUE OF COMFORTS	
BURG EL ARAB.	DEC 7.		SECURITY DUTIES. LEAVE FOR 70 PERSONNEL ALEXANDRIA. 1 DAY 1300 hrs. SWIMMING PARADE.	
BURG EL. ARAB.	DEC 8.		CHURCH PARADE. SECURITY DUTIES	
BURG EL ARAB.	DEC 9.		SECURITY DUTIES. Bn. DRILLED IN PACKING TRUCKS.	
BURG EL. ARAB.	DEC 10.		SECURITY DUTIES. 1 DAY LEAVE TO PERSONNEL ALEXANDRIA. CONCERT BY "HELLO SAPPERS"	
BURG EL ARAB.	DEC 11.		SECURITY DUTIES. WINDY AND COOL	
BURG EL ARAB.	DEC 12.		SECURITY DUTIES. WINDY AND COOL. SHOWER PARADE. TATTOO ROLL CALL REVIVED.	
BURG EL ARAB.	DEC 13.		SECURITY DUTIES 80 ALL RANKS 1 DAY LEAVE ALEXANDRIA.	
BURG EL ARAB.	DEC 14.		SECURITY DUTIES. ROUTINE TRAINING	

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WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(These headings are required)

Unit No. Bn. A.I.F. Date and Time From To M. Dec 40



Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
...	DEC 1	PM	...
...	DEC 2	...	SECURITY DUTIES
...	DEC 3
...	DEC 4	1200 hrs	...
...	DEC 5
...	DEC 6	...	SECURITY DUTIES
...	DEC 7
...	DEC 8	...	SECURITY DUTIES
...	DEC 9
...	DEC 10	...	SECURITY DUTIES
...	DEC 11
...	DEC 12	...	SECURITY DUTIES
...	DEC 13
...	DEC 14	...	SECURITY DUTIES

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/8 Bn A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 15 DEC 1940 To 28 DEC 1940.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BURG EL ARAB	15 DEC.		CHURCH. PARADES. COYS ON SECURITY DUTIES NOT YET RETURNED TO UNIT.	
BURG EL ARAB	16 DEC		20 MEN 2 DAY LEAVE ALEXANDRIA. 3 DAY LEAVE CAIRO 14 MEN. XMAS HAMPERS DISTRIBUTED.	
BURG EL ARAB	17 DEC.		19 MEN 2 DAY LEAVE ALEXANDRIA. STILL ON SECURITY DUTIES.	
BURG EL ARAB	18 DEC.		19 MEN 2 DAY LEAVE ALEXANDRIA. BDE MOVEMENT INST NO.1 RECEIVED (GEN/E/80 + (GEN/E/81) CAIRO LEAVE CANCELLED. 32 MEN 2 DAY LEAVE	APPX (G) + (GA). MOVEMENT ORDER ATTACHED
BURG EL ARAB	19 DEC.		ALEXANDRIA. 80 MEN 1 DAY LEAVE.	
BURG EL ARAB.	20 DEC.		19 MEN 2 DAY LEAVE ALEXANDRIA.	
BURG EL ARAB	21 DEC.		50 RE-INFORCEMENTS MARCHED IN FROM TRNG BN. XMAS DINNER. LT COL MITCHELL RETURNED TO UNIT.	
BURG EL ARAB	22 DEC.		1 DAY LEAVE 80 ORS. ALEXANDRIA.	
BURG EL ARAB	23 DEC		LEAVE CANCELLED. SURPLUS KIT SENT TO STORE. MANY CHANGES IN POSTING OF OFFICERS.	ADMIN. INST. ATTACHED. DETAILS IN B. R. O. (APPX 4)
BURG EL ARAB	24 DEC.		PRACTICE IN ASSEMBLING + CARRYING PACKS WHEN COYS RETURNED FROM SECURITY DUTIES. LANDING. HATS COLLECTED. STEEL HELMETS WORN.	
BURG EL ARAB	25 DEC.		CHURCH PARADE + ADDRESS BY C.O. PRACTICE IN ASSEMBLING + CARRYING LOADS. PACKING CONTINUED.	
BURG EL ARAB	26 DEC.	1400	MORE PRACTICE IN ASSEMBLING + CARRYING LOADS	
BURG EL ARAB	27 DEC	1015	SHOWER PARADES.	
BURG EL ARAB	27 DEC	1430	MARCH TO BEACH. FIELD EXERCISES CARRIED OUT	
BURG EL ARAB	28 DEC.	0830	RETURN TO CAMP.	
BURG EL ARAB	28 DEC.	1100	PACKS TRIED OUT NEW WAY. SUCCESSFUL. BN MARCH TO BEACH.	

At. Henry head

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/8 Bn A.L.F.

Date and Time.—From 29 DEC 40 To 31 DEC 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BURG EL ARAB	29 DEC		EXTRA AMMN + IRON RATIONS WITH DRAWIN. LANDING AT BARDIA CANCELLED. HIGH WINDS + DUST.	
BURG EL ARAB.	30 DEC		ORDERS TO PREPARE FOR MOVE BY ROAD TO SALDM. HIGH WINDS + BAD DUST STORM ALL DAY. 3 DAYS IRON RATIONS ISSUED. REECE PARTY LEFT 1300 hrs.	ADMINISTR. ATTACHED. APPX (5). 4(SA).
BURG EL ARAB	31 DEC		REVAILE 0400. BREAKFAST 0500. CROSSED S.L 0750. BIVOUACED 5 M WEST MERSA MATRUH. 1900 hrs.	APPX (6) ATTACHED. 6 AUS DIV INT NO 4.
<p><i>W.P.</i></p> <p><i>W.P.</i></p> <p><i>W.P.</i></p>				

W.P. Henry

W.P. Marshall M.A.L.

15-1-41

APPX (6)

GEN/E/80.

S E C R E T

19 AUST INF BDE

OO No 1.

Copy No: 2

18 Dec 40.

INFORMATION

1. There is every indication that the capture of BARDIA is imminent.
2. The following tps have been warned that they will come under comd 19 Aust Inf Bde at short notice -

One Sec 2/2 Fd Pk Coy.
Det 2/7 Fd Amb.

INTENTION

3. 19 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will move to BARDIA with a view to garrisoning that town and preparing the harbour for the landing of supplies.

METHOD

4. Tps participating

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (less rear party)
Det 'L' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div
2/4 Bn (less rear party)
2/11 Bn (less rear party)
Att sub-units vide para 2

The above tps will hold themselves in readiness to move at short notice.

5. Movement

Movement will be by road to ALEXANDRIA, thence sea to BARDIA. Details of movement will be included in Movement Instns to be issued separately.

6. Comd.

19 Aust Inf Bde comes under comd WDF on disembarkation BARDIA.

Rear parties come under comd 2/8 Bn when parent units move out.

7. Security Duties

2/8 Bn remains BURG EL ARAB and continues to perform security duties.

8. Engrs

Sec 2/2 Fd Pk Coy will be prepared to carry out following duties on disembarkation -

Recce for harbour repair and developement.
Location and neutralisation of booby traps.
Location and developement water supply.

9. Warning to Tps

The enemy has had sufficient time to prepare mines and booby traps. Tps will therefore be warned against surprises of this nature. They will also be warned against drinking untested water and against handling unexploded bombs.

10. AA Defence

Unit comds will arrange for AA defence on ship. Once ashore organisation of AA fire and the digging of slit trenches ~~on~~ the utilisation of existing works will be given a high order of priority. Tps are to be warned against uncontrolled firing on aircraft not within range.

ADM

/fire and

11. Amn will be taken to full WE where held, except -

2" mortar bombs which, together with all amn held surplus to WE, will be carried by Bn MT.

12. Rations will be taken as follows -

(a) Unconsumed portion of rations of day of embarkation.

(b) Two days' rations with tinned equivalent, but with one day's bread.

13. Water will be taken to the full carrying capacity of Bns.

14. Med. All unit medical stores will be taken, except a First Aid Kit to be left with tps and carrier personnel.

OC Det 2/7 Fd Amb will confer with RMOs as soon as possible concerning coordination of medical arrangements on arrival at destination.

15. Dress Offrs - SD or FS, steel helmets and caps.

 ORs - SD, steel helmets.

 Gaiters will be worn.

 Kit bags will NOT be taken.

16. Blankets will be carried.

17. Tpt will NOT be taken.

INTERCOMN

18. Liaison

Units not travelling on ship with Bde HQ will detail a LO to report to BM prior to embarkation and travel with Bde HQ.

19. Telephone

Bde Sigs will provide bde-bn and inter bn telephone lines as early as possible after disembarkation.

20. Move of HQs.

The necessity for immediate reporting of change of location of unit HQs is stressed.

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21.59. *
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ACK

W. J. ...

Time of Signature: 1900 hrs

Maj.
BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

Method of Distribution: Sigs

DISTRIBUTION

2/4 Bn	Copy No	1
2/8 Bn	" "	2
2/11 Bn	" "	3
2/2 Fd Pk Coy	" "	4-5
2/7 Fd Amb	" "	6-7
Bde Comd	" "	8
BM	" "	9
SC	" "	10
Sigs	" "	11
File	" "	12
War Diary	" "	13-14

APPX (6A)

GEN/E/81.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

19 AUST INF BDE

Headquarters.
18 Dec 40.

19 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT INSTN NO. 1

Movement from BURG EL ARAB will be in accordance with orders for either 'A' move or 'B' move, as set out below.

Units will be advised which move is to be adopted. NO move before Time of Z is issued.

MOVE 'A'

1. Movement to point of embarkation will be in accordance with movement table APPX Y attached.

1st STAGE

2. 2/11 Bn moves under separate instructions, and for its move, vehicles will be made available by units as follows:-

	<u>30 cwt</u>	<u>15 Cwt</u>	<u>12 cwt</u>
(a) From 2/8 Bn to 2/11 Bn	12	21	3
(b) " 2/4 " " 2/11 "	2	5	
(c) " 'L' Sec Sigs to 2/11 Bn	1	5	
(d) " Bde Hq to 2/11 Bn	1	2	2

4. These vehicles WITH drivers, will be held in readiness to report at HQ 2/11 Bn within 30 minutes of order to do so.

2/11 Bn will return vehicles to their parent units at the earliest possible time.

3. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient time for the return of these vehicles to their own units before 2nd Stage.

2nd STAGE (see Appx 'Y' attached)

4. Tpt will be made available by units as follows:--

	<u>30 cwt</u>	<u>15 cwt</u>	<u>12 cwt</u>
(a) From 2/8 Bn to 2/4 Bn	12	21	7
(b) " 2/11 " " 2/4 "	5	5	

The procedure will be as for para 4 above.

5. At debussing point stores will be broken into one man loads under unit arrangements.

6. Units will detail (a) Officers for

- (i) Debussing
- (ii) Unloading and stacking of stores.
- (iii) Recce of ship, and arrangement of space for personnel and stores on board.

and (b) NCOs as guides from debussing point to areas allotted on board ship.

(2)

MOVEMENT INSTN NO. 1 CONT

7. Vehicles of 2/4 Bn which are already loaded with stores, will depart 2/4 Bn lines as soon as possible, not more than 30 minutes after Z.

MOVE 'B'

Owing to information just received, Move 'A' will be adopted. Details of Move 'B' will NOT, therefore, be issued.

Quinton Capt.
SC 19 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

2/4 Bn	Copy No.	1
2/8 Bn	" "	2 ✓
2/11 Bn	" "	3
2/2 Fd Pk Coy	" "	4-5
2/7 Fd Amb	" "	6-7
Bde Comd	" "	8
BM	" "	9
SC	" "	10
TO	" "	11
Sigs	" "	12
File	" "	13
War Diary	" "	14-15

MOVEMENT TABLE

Appx Y
To 19 Aust Inf Bde
MO No. 1

Serial	Date	Unit	No of Vehicles	Starting Time	SP	Past S.P		En Route		Route	Debussing Point
						VTM	MIH	VTM	MIH		
1	To be	HQ 19 Aust Inf									
	Notified	Bde	12	Z	Exit from	36	10	36	20	Via Main ALEXANDRIA ROAD until met by personnel posted to direct Convoys - thence according to directions	As indicated by Bde Debussing Officer
		and Det 'L' Sec Sigs			Bde HQ Lines						
2		Det 2/7 Fd Amb	6	Z +30	Exit from Fd Amb	"	"	"	"		
3		2/4 Bn	106	Z +60	junc Camp and Main Rd	"	"	"	"		

In the case of
2/4 Bn, a 10
minute interval
is required
between Coy
Convoys

Received. 2140 hrs.
Handed to C.O. 2150 hrs.

APPX(5)

S E C R E T

19 AUST INF BDE

O. O. No. 2

Ref Maps :- CAIRO 1:500,000
MATRUH 1:500,000

Copy No. 3

Date 30 Dec 40

INFORMATION

1. Air attack may be anticipated WEST of MATRUH and is particularly likely WEST of SIDI BARRANI
2. Composite tp carrying unit from 4 NZ Bde comes under comd 19 Aust Bde 1500 hrs 30 Dec 40.

INTENTION

3. 19 Aust Inf Bde and 2/7 Fd Amb move from BURG EL ARAB to the Div reserve area SE of CAPUZZO on 31 Dec 40, 1 Jan and 2 Jan 41

METHOD

4. Order of march as per march table attached.
5. AA Defence
 - (a) AALMG's provided by NZ Bde and unit weapons will be spaced throughout the cols under unit arrangements
 - (b) In the event of direct air attack action will be as laid down in MT Pamphlet 23 Part IV Protection Sec 5.
On the RD MATRUH - SOLLUM vehicles will however remain on RD.
6. A Tk Mines

Whilst on RD MATRUH - SOLLUM vehicles will NOT leave the RD except where made deviations exist
7. Dispersal of vehicles when halted

Dispersal will be NOT less than 100x between vehicles.

ADM

8. Amn

All amn held will be taken, ea rifleman carry at least 50 rds SAAs.
Bren LMG magazines will be filled.
A Tk Rifles magazines will be filled, but NOT placed on rifles.
9. Rations

For 31 Dec to 4 Jan 41 incl will be taken. It is anticipated that it will be possible to have a cooked meal each evening.
10. Water - will be taken to the full carrying capacity of tpt.
All containers incl water bottles, will be filled at Q/SABA.
11. Med - 2/7 Fd Amb will have ambulances prepared for emergency during the move. Sick will be dropped at the roadside and will stop ambulances who will be on the lookout.
12. Dress - Officers :- SD uniform, Steel Helmets and, or Caps
OR's :- SD uniform Steel Helmets .
Respirators will be carried.
Kit Bags will NOT be taken.
13. Blankets - Will be taken on the scale of 4 per man.

14. Tpt - Will remain under Bn control

15. POL - At QASABA where tanks will be filled and reserve replaced if necessary.

INTERCOMN

16. Bde HQ at head of coln as per march table

17. Guides to meet unit at point to be advised to guide units to bivouac area.

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TIME OF SIGNATURE

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Maj.
BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION :-

2/4 Bn Copy No.	1/2
2/8 Bn Do.	3/4
2/11 Bn Do.	5/6
2/7 Fd Amb Do.	7/8
Bde Comd Do.	9
BM Do.	10
SC Do.	11
TO Do.	12
IO Do.	13
LO's (3) Do.	14/-16
Spare Do.	17
War Diary Do.	18/19

MOVEMENT TABLE

APPX 'A' to
19 Aust Inf Bde
Movement Instn
No 2 & 2A.

Serial	Date	Unit	No of Vehicles	Time past SP	SP	Speed & Density				Route	Dispersal Point
						Past SP		En Route			
						vtn	mih	vtn	mih		
1.	31 Dec	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde 'L' Sec Sigs	30	0700	Exit Unit Lines	36	10	36	20	Main ALEXANDRIA - MATRUH ROAD	As indicated by unit guides who will meet units on Road.
2.	"	2/11 Bn 'A'	55	0706	Junc Camp & Main Roads	"	"	"	"		
3.	"	2/11 Bn 'B'	58	0720	"	"	"	"	"		
4.	"	2/8 Bn 'A'	55	0735	"	"	"	"	"		
5.	"	2/3 Bn 'B'	58	0750	"	"	"	"	"		
6.	"	2/4 Bn 'A'	55	0805	"	"	"	"	"		
7.	"	2/4 Bn 'B'	58	0820	"	"	"	"	"		
8.	"	2/7 Fd Amb	40	0835	Exit Fd Amb Lines	"	"	"	"		
9.	"	79 LAD	4	0843	"	"	"	"	"		

Remarks

Halts will be made as under

at 0900 hrs for 15 mins

at 1115 hrs for 30 mins (Lunch)

at 1345 hrs for 15 mins

at 1545 hrs for 15 mins

APPX (5)+(5A)

SECRET.

MOVEMENT ORDER No. 2

1. 2/8 Bn. will move to Western Desert on 31 Dec. 40.
2. All w.E. will be taken. Three days Iron rations will be carried on man.
3. Personnel will carry L.M.G's, Rifles, A/T Rifle and S.A.A. on w.E. Table. Packs with one blanket will also be carried.
4. Personnel who normally travel in Coy vehicles will travel in their allotted truck.
5. Marching personnel will be transported on vehicles shown in attached schedule "A".
6. Two blankets per man will be rolled in Section bundles. These bundles will be used as seats for personnel.
7. Time Table. 31.12.40.

Reveille	0400
Breakfast	0500

8. Order of march -
Bn.H.Q., HQ Coy, A,B,C,D Coy Attached vehicles
9. Start time 0720 hours.
10. Start point - Rd. junction W. of 2/11 Bn. Lines.
11. Density 36 v.t.m.
12. Speed - Past S.P. 10 m.p.h.
On road 20 m.p.h.
13. Coy "A" Echelon Tpt. will move at head of each Coys group of vehicles.
"B" Echelon will move at rear of Column.
14. M.T.O. will check vehicles past S.P.
15. A.A. Pl. will be distributed as follows:
 - 1 Sec. in rear of Bn. H.Q.
 - 1 Sec. between HQ and A Coy
 - 1 " " B " C "
 - 1 " in centre of D Coy.
16. Action in event of air attack.
 - i. If possible vehicles will be driven off road and will disperse.
 - ii. If it is not possible to leave road vehicles must be kept moving.
17. Bn.H.Q. will be at head of column.

C.O.	D Coy.
Adjt.	2 i/c.
Bn.H.Q.	Q.M.
HQ Coy	I.O.
A Coy	M.T.O.
B "	Padre
C "	File.

[Signature] Licut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

SCHEDULE "A"

Allotment of vehicles for transport of Marching personnel.

	<u>30 cwts</u>	<u>15 cwts</u>	<u>3 ton</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Bn. H.Q.	1	1	-	26
H.Q. Coy	1	1	3	74
A Coy	2	10	-	112
B "	2	10	-	112
C "	3	8	-	112
D "	3	8	-	112
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	12	38	3	550
Reserve		2		

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TO

2/4 2/8 2/11 BNS 2/7 7th AMB

FROM

HQ 19 INF BDE

Originator's Number

I 59

Date

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In Reply to Number

Sitrep	⊙	8 DEC 40	INDIAN DIV	7 ARMED
DIV	reached	concentration area	⊙ RAF	bombed
ILLEH	BENINA	AIRODROME	causing heavy	damage
NAVY	BOMBARDED	BRANI	MARKILA	
by	5 IND	⊙ 9 DEC	0745	NIBELW captured
Maletti	KILLED	INF	BDE	7 rtr
		50	OFFERS	450 ORSR BR

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TO

2/4 2/8 2/11 2/7 FD. AMB

FROM

HQ 19 INF BDE

Originator's Number

I 59

Date

In Reply to Number

waors.	captured	0	Reported	1705	hrs
elements	4	armed	BDE	astride	rd
SANYETT	FEY	583375	having	moved ^{north}	behind
TUMMAR	CAMP	CR42	25795	shot	down
one	BLENHIEM	missing	0	1600	hrs
TUMMAR	CAMP	captured			

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TO

2/4 2/8 2/11 Bns 2/7 fd Amb.

FROM

HQ. 19 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

I 61.

Date

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In Reply to Number

SITREP 0

enemy.

0 MATILLA camp

*garrison. withdrawn west during night 9/10 Dec
0 PT 90 still in enemy hands 1200 hrs 10 DEC 0
0 ALETTIS documents and maps captured 0 total prisoners
now about 6,000 plus 2 Libyan Bns. captured east
of SIDIBARRANI later with some guns 0 air reports
enemy moving NW from halfway house towards*

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<i>40</i>	<i>11:35</i>	<i>Strickland</i>									

MESSAGE FORM

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number Date In Reply to Number

SAHUM @ 400 mt moving west from BARDIA
1000 hrs 11/12 @ approx 900 ~~mt~~^{MT} concentrated 2 miles
N.W. to break anodrome. 0945 hrs 11/12 @ 4 armd
Bde directed on Bug Bug to secure dumps and
exploit westwards @ 7 armd Bde and sup @ P
directed to south and west of SOFAFI camps to cut
off enemy @ MATRUH forces moving towards

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

SIDI BARRINA from east, movements obscure but later unconfirmed report state that SIDI BARRANI and Bug Bug have fallen

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SPECIAL

SITREP

except

Enemy

Complete

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up	Enemy	in	large	numbers	on
escapement		Navy	bombarded	SOHUM	
all	day				

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TO 2/4 - 2/8 - 2/11 DNS - 2/7 FD AMB

FROM HQ - 19 - AUST - INF - BDE

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

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SITRIP	0	11 DEC	0	enemy	made
temporary stand		BUQ BUQ	after	noon	last
4 arm d had		advanced	capturing	2000	prisoners
0		no reports yet	from	of arm d	hds
which		advanced along	escarpment	WEST	of
SOFAFI		towards SAPUMCA	0	navy	hampered
SAPUM TILL	0300	hrs	12 DEC	hms	TERBOR

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<i>expended</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>amm</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>RAF</i>	<i>bomber</i>
<i>SALUM</i>	<i>HALFAYA</i>	<i>half</i>		<i>house</i>	<i>night</i>
<i>11/12</i>	<i>dec</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>mapping</i>	<i>up</i>	<i>around</i>
<i>BARRINI</i>	<i>continued</i>	<i>ITALIAN</i>	<i>gunners</i>	<i>faught</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>The</i>	<i>last</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>nibiana</i>	<i>APJK</i>	<i>guns</i>
<i>cancelled</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>tents</i>	<i>MALLETI</i>	<i>killed in</i>	<i>bed</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>tent</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>LR</i>	<i>SHELL</i>	<i>⊙</i>

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TO

2/4 2/8 2/11 Battalions 2/4 4d. Amb.

FROM

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.

Originator's Number

165

Date

14

In Reply to Number

SITREP	①	Point	90	captured	PM
11 Dec	①	23 tanks	believed	medium	
captured	①	RA BIA	generals	GHE RIO	and
NAZEHI	①	captured	①	whole	by capture
DIV and 11 Legion		2 CCEN DIV	captured	at	
bag bag	①	Air Report	AA fire	still coming	
from SALFAY		SALLUM	capture	①	enemy

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TO

FROM

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Date

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withdrawal continued with reports of AFYS
 on trailers moving. @ BARBIA to TOBRUK
 information from Fwd. area still
 scan

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FROM

HQ 19 AUST IN PBD

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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15

SITREP @ air report fighting near HALFAFA @ element of arm'd Div reached road BARDIA TO BRUK between 180 and 90 quad lines @ bombing of our FWD OPS CONTINUES our fighters on defensive patrol safe shot down believe 2790 fewer and CRV 25 @ rise @ our losses believed three machines

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TO

2/4 2/8 2/11 2/17 HDAMB

FROM

142 19 INF BDE

Originator's Number

170

Date

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In Reply to Number

SITREP @ 1250 hrs 15 dec @ 400 enemy inf with guns
 two miles ~~west~~ north CAPUTZA on road to BARDIA @
 no enemy in HAFIYA area low @ 1100 hrs reported un-
 pinned enemy leaving BARDIA towards BROUK. Denial
 reports heard out of SALUM @ Heavy enemy action throughout
 morning

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TO *2/4 2/8 2/11 2/7 F.A.*

FROM *HQ 19 INF Brigade*

Originator's Number

I 71

Date

17

In Reply to Number

<i>Separate</i>	<i>ⓐ</i>	<i>Egypt</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>clear</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>enemy</i>	<i>ⓐ</i>	<i>Tobruk</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>TPS</i>	<i>occupied</i>
<i>SAHUM</i>	<i>MUSAIID</i>	<i>CAPUZZO</i>	<i>SIDI OMAR</i>	<i>SHEFFERZEN</i>	<i>ⓐ</i>
<i>7 ARMO</i>	<i>DIV</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>astride</i>	<i>roads</i>	<i>BARDIA</i>
<i>TOBRUK</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>Bardia Cappuzzo</i>	<i>ⓐ</i>	<i>immediately</i>	<i>south</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>Bardia</i>	<i>defences</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>following</i>	<i>enemy</i>
<i>aircraft</i>	<i>captured</i>	<i>intact</i>		<i>ground</i>	<i>10 CR/420</i>

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FROM

HQ 19 Inf Bde

Originator's Number

I 73

Date

18

In Reply to Number

SITREP	①	Night	16/17	Squadron	Aus Cav
Ambushed	Enemy	in	MT	Column	500 260
Capturing	2	lozies	①	17	dec
patrols	RB	inside	defences	BARIDIA	1200 hrs
found	some	gun	positions	unoccupied ①	
TOCR	reports	much	movement	inside	Perimeter
BTBR	BARIDIA	later	TOCR	reports	100

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MT	scattered	70	miles	14 14	BARDIA
⊙	400	MT	reported	halled	20 miles
West	of	DERMA	⊙	situations	BARDIA
obscure					

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TO

2/11 2/8 2/11

FROM

19 Aust 107 TR.

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Date

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CITREP (C) 20th Dec (C) further shelling Salurn
 Harbour (C) reported. our armoured car patrol reached
 L78425 and was coast. 195420 (C) 21st (C) Coy enemy made local
 advance 516386 before which our OP with drew. So outpost line
 (C) Aust CAU collected 4. 8cm guns less breach block
 at MADDALENA (C) Booby trap discovered at Bufanygo
 no casualty. So our troops BARDIA was quite strong (C)

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T.H.I. 1143

1450 Local Time

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© Enemy spotting aircraft shot down © early morning
 Strat/R aircraft saw nothing owing to clouds
 TAC/R aircraft reported following delay in proceeding
 unoccupied by enemy 440417 437307
 430306.

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2/8 BN. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

No. 245

1. 2/8 Bn. will take over Security Duties at 1200 hours on Sunday 1 Dec. 40. The tour of duty will be 14 days.
2. Details of Location, Coys, etc. are issued on attached Schedule 'A'.
3. Dress - (a) During move to posts - Marching Order.
(b) Unless otherwise ordered (by Orders for post) personnel on duty will wear - Fighting Order, but respirators will not be carried. Steel helmets will be carried.
4. Medical (a) Coys will arrange with R.M.O. for medical supplies for each post.
(b) Personnel for each post will include at least one Coy S.B.
(c) Details of methods of sick parades etc. on distant stations will be published later.
5. Taking Over - Officers and M.C.O.'s taking over posts will take a complete inventory of all stores handed over to them. They will obtain a receipt from the relieving guard at the completion of their tour of duty.
6. Stand "to" - All security duties will "Stand-to" each morning and evening. Unless otherwise ordered the times for "Stand-to" will be - Morning 0530 - 0630
Evening 1700 - 1800
7. Pay - Personnel proceeding to Serials No. 7,8,9,10 will be paid on 30/11/40 for period ending 4/12/40.
8. Reports - Immediately any Coy takes over or hands over any post it shows in Schedule (except Serials 14 & 15) it will report by signal to Bn.M.C. in the following form.
"X Coy Serial 3 1200 hrs. 1/12/40."
9. Inspections - In addition to Coy, Bn, and Bde. inspections all Security Guards will be inspected by a Staff Officer from Div. H.Q. at least once, and possibly twice, weekly.
10. Strength Returns. These will be submitted in the usual manner to Bn. H.Q. each morning, except that in the case of "B" Coy the report will be phoned through.
11. Transport - M.T.O. will issue schedule for "pt. required for movement of personnel and stores to posts.

J. H. Stone Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

Distribution

- 1 C.O.
- 2 Adj.
- 3 C.O. HQ Coy
- 4 " A Coy
- 5 " B "
- 6 " C "
- 7 " D "
- 8 C.M.
- 9 M.T.O.
- 10 R.M.O.
- 11 I.O.
- 12 File
- 13 Spare (A/Adj)

Serial No.	Post	Map Reference	Strength	Provided by	Orders for Post.
1	Petrol Dump - BAHIG (Near BAHIG Stn.)	48049130	One Pl. (less 6 men)	C	
2	Oil Dump - EI GHARBANIYAH (400' W. of Stn.)	47129087	One Pl. (less 6 men)	C	
3	P.A.F. Store Depot - Surg. of Arch (800' W. of Hangars)	47509119	One Pl.	A	
4	Timber Dump nr Stn. - BURG EL ARAB (200' S. of Station)	47509119	One Sec.	A	
5	Obs. Post. O.P. 3 - near Roman I. House	47509159	One M.C.O. & 3 men.	A	
6	Mob. Reserve - BURG EL ARAB	In Unit lines	Coy H.Q. One Pl. (less one sec & 3 men)	A	Will be issued
7	P.A.F. Dump - GHIZAL	85263107	One Pl.	B X	when received
8	Rly. Gds. Trains - DAB'AH Water & Deck	83783148	Coy H.Q. & 1 Pl.	B X	from Rde.
9	Rly Gds - Other trains - SIDI HANEISH	75973293	One Pl.	B X	
10	Rly Gds - Other trains - INKINGI MARVIH (200' W. of Stn.)	49669212	One Pl.	C	
11	Mobile Coy) BURG EL ARAB	Unit Lines.	One Rifle Coy.	D	
12	Brigade Gd.	Rde H.Q. X	One Pl. (commanded by Sgt.)	A	
13	Unit A.A. Maske	Unit Lines.	2 M.C.O.'s 12 men	H.Q.	Permanent man- ning of posts.
14	Armed Guard	do.	3 men	H.Q.	Permanent Guard on Amm Dump
15	Unit Lines. (Roaming patrols each of 2 men)	do.	1 Off. 39 O.P. 1 M.C.O. 12 men 1 M.C.O. 12 men.	H.Q. C D	Patrol HQ, A & B Coy lines Patrol Coy lines Patrol " "

SCHEDULE "A"

Issued with Admin. Inst. No. 25

SECURITY GUARDS

1 - 14 Dec. 40

Method of Travel	Time of start to travel	Accommodation provided by	Rations.	Water	Stores	Weapons.
Personnel march.	1100 hrs 1/12/40.	Unit. 5 B.P.I.P & 1 Sell. O. arrangement.	Unit supply	Draw from BAHIG Stn		Pl. weapons
Stores & baggage	1000 hrs 1/12/40.	ditto.	Cooking and Delivery	Draw from EL GHARBAN, IYAT.		Pl. Weapons
on Pl. trucks which remain at Post	1000 hrs 1/12/40.	ditto.	under Coy arrangements.	Draw from BURG EL AR'EB Stn.		Pl. Weapons
March. Pl truck takes baggage & returns.	1000 hrs 1/12/40.	1 EPIP by Unit		Unit.		Sec. Weapons
Cpt.	1100 hrs 1/12/40.	Sangar		Unit.		Rifles & Bayonets
-	-	Unit	Normal	Normal		Coy Weapons
M.P. Coy Vehicles move with Convoy and remain at posts.	12 miles bhd DAB'A to right 6 Aust. 3 hrs.	Div.	Drawn at EL DAB'A	Local		Pl. Weapons
			Details issued separately	Local		Pl. Weapons
Pl Truck takes baggage & stores & remains at post.	0930 hrs 1/12/40.	Unit	Drawn from Div D.I.D. Details separately	"		" "
		Unit	Normal	Normal		Coy Weapons.
As for Serials 1, 2 & 3	0900 hrs. 1/12/40.	Bde.	As for Serial 1	Bde.		Pl. Weapons
	HQ Coy will take over this duty at 1600 hrs 30/11/40.	Unit	Normal	Normal		4 I.M.G's
		Unit	Normal	Normal		Rifles & Bayonets.
		Unit	Normal	Normal		do

Coy arrangements in conjunction with G.M. Posts No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12 require Verey Light Pistol & cartridges (wh its Green, Red) Post No. 5 also requires 1 telescope and 1 pr. Binoculars.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX "A" to 6 AUS DIV Trg
Instn No. 13.

-- 2/8 Bn. Programme of Training for Week ending 8 Dec. 40. --

Serial No. (a)	Date (b)	Unit or Formation. (c)	Nature of Training. (d)	Location. (e)	Approx Time to Start. (f)	Approx Time to Finish (g)	Remarks (h)
1.	2/12/40 to 8/12/40.	2/8 Bn.	Security Duties.	---	---	---	Coys will carry out specialist training as opportunity offers.

[Signature]
Lieut.
Adj.

MESSAGE FORM

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TO 2/4 2/8 2/11 Bns 6 Aust Cav 2/7 Fd Amb

FROM 19 Aust Inf Bde	Originator's Number I 1	Date 3	In Reply to Numbers
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Code names for exercise (.) Bde HQ RIFU (.) 2/4 Bn POKU (.) 2/8 Bn SAKU (.)
2/11 Bn WIFU (.) 6 Aust Cav REKU (.) 2/7 Fd Amb NIFU (.) 2/3 Fd Regt BOKU (.)
2/3 A Tk Regt GOKU (.) 2/3 Fd Coy DOKU (.) 2/3 M.M.G. Bn ZOKU (.) Map
reference Code for numerals 0 to 9 read letters L M N O P Q
R S T U (.) ACK

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T.O.R.
C.E.A. 5/40. 50.000 pads.

MESSAGE FORM

Army Form C 1928

Serial No.	No. of Groups	CALL	IN
		INSTRUC- TIONS	OUT

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TO: [Faint text]

FROM: [Faint text]

Originator's Number: [Faint text]

Date: [Faint text]

In Reply to Number: [Faint text]

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Originator's instructions: [Faint text]

Degree of priority: [Faint text]

Sender	Receiver	System	Time	System	Time	Sender	Receiver	System	Time

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APPX. (2)

SECRET
Copy No. 8

OPERATION ORDER NO. 26

INFORMATION

Para 1. 2. 3. of Bde. order.

4. 19 Aust. Inf. Bde. intends to adv. towards AMIRIYA on 3 Dec.

INTENTION

5. 2/8 Bn. will advance in accordance with Bde. order.

METHOD

6. Formation vide attached sketch.

7. Leading troops cross start line (Rd. N.W. & S.E. through BURG-EL-ARAB) at 1340 hrs.

8. Route - Track running along S. side of Rly. Left Coys will move along track.

ADM.

9. Med. - 2/7 Fd. Amb. is moving with Bde. H.Q. "A" Ech.
R.A.P. moves with Bn.H.Q. "A" Ech.

10. Tp. "B" Ech bded at 1400 hours. at oasis 730105. Remain in that area until 1630 hrs.

11. Returns - The following will be rendered daily by ^{07.30} 0900 hrs.

- A.I.F. Form 1
- A.F.W. 3010
- A.F.W. 3011
- A.F.W. 3012

Amn. expenditure for previous day.

INTERCOMN. 12. Reports to Bn.H.Q.

13. V/T all Coys.

14. Call for support from close support aircraft - one red very light fired at low elevation and placing out of appropriate ground signal.

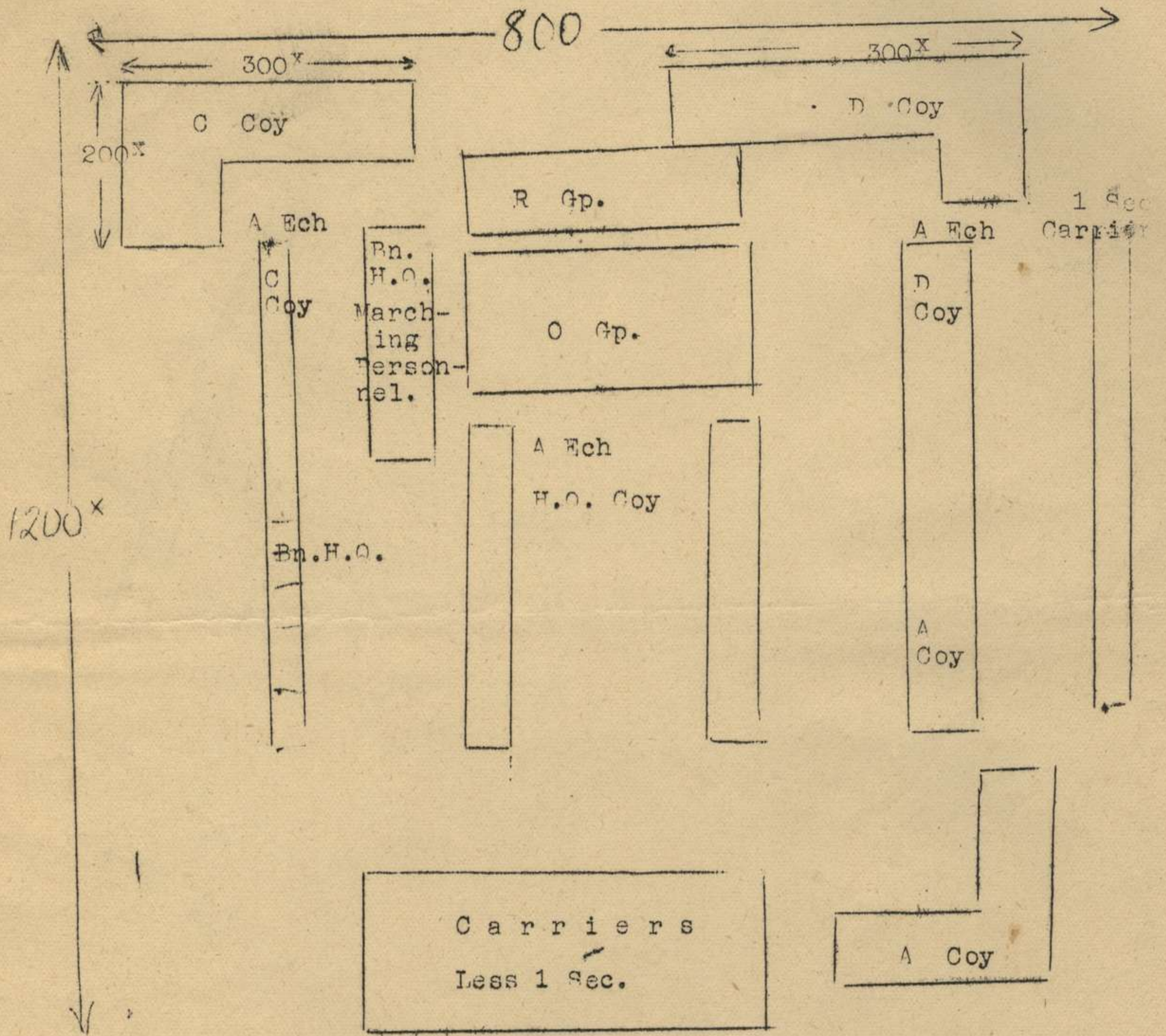
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Distribution

- Copy No. 1 C.O.
- 2 Adj. Lt.
- 3 OC HQ Coy
- 4 " A "
- 5 " B "
- 6 " D "
- 7 " I.O. "
- 8 W.D.
- 9 File
- 10 Q.M.
- 11 T.O.
- 12-14 Umpires

[Signature] Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.



apt. moves in Bounds of 500 yds.

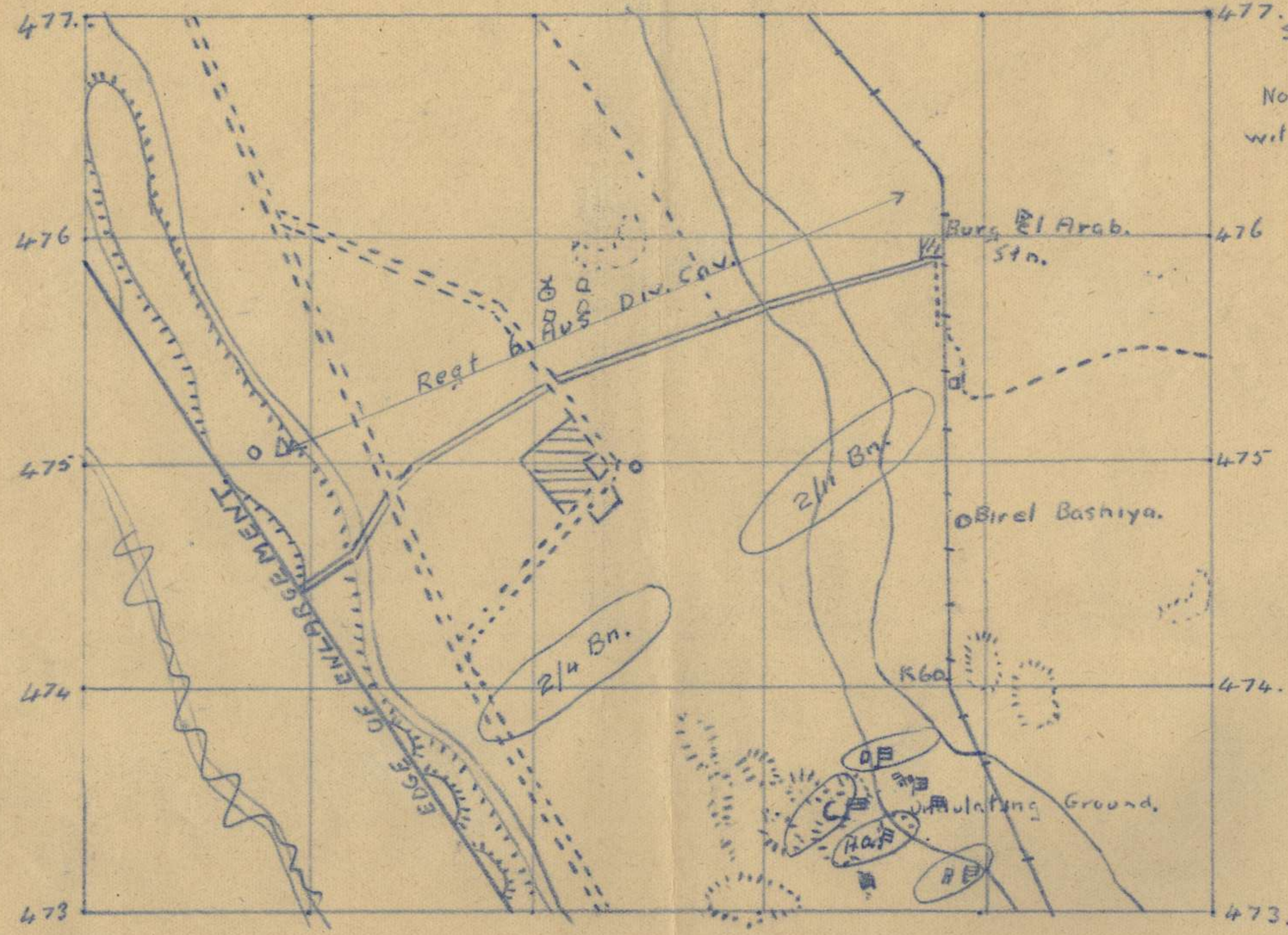


2/8 Bn.
Situation. at 1200 hrs. 3/12/40.

VI. D.

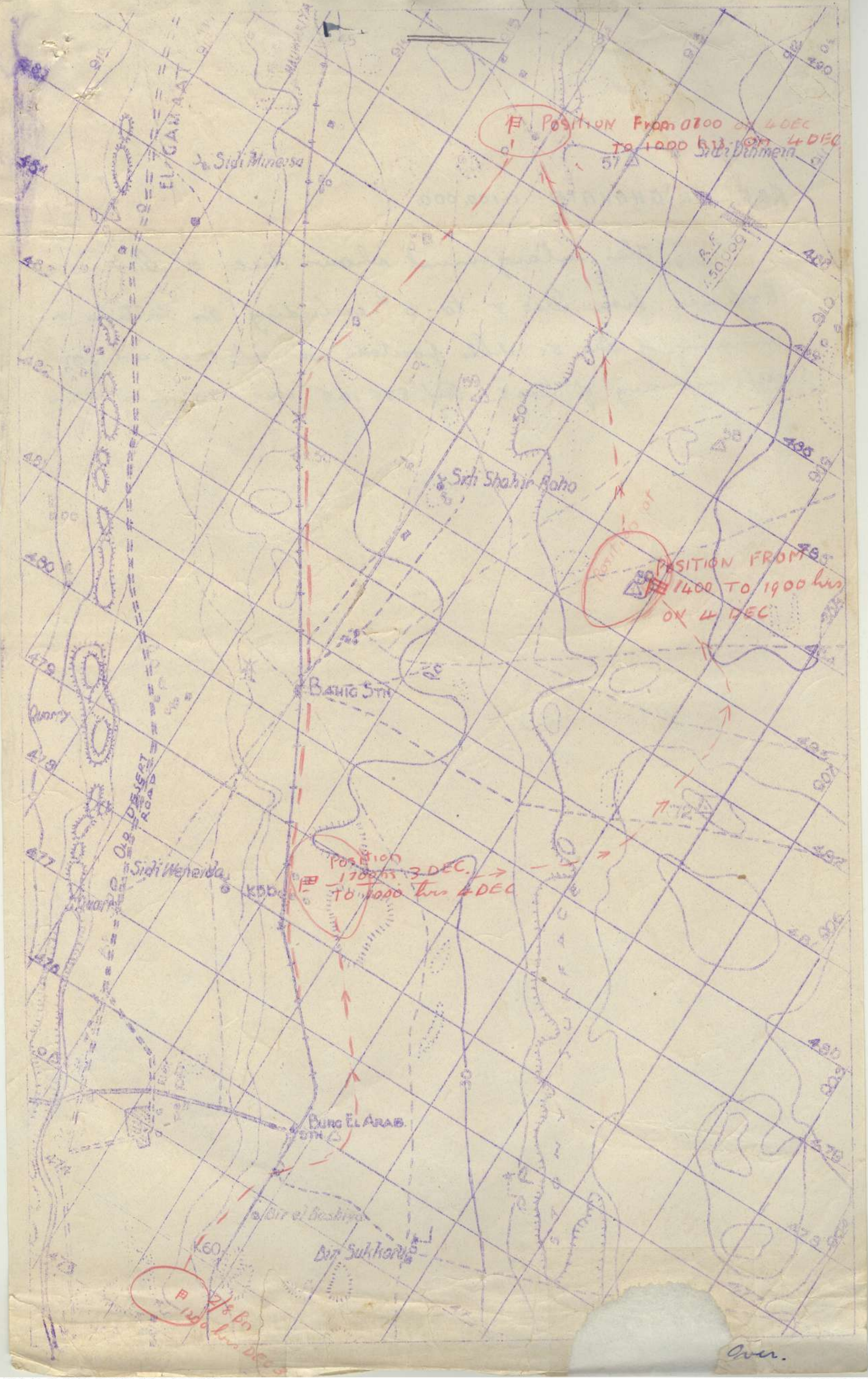
Weather.
Showery + Dull.

No Contact yet
with enemy.



R.F. 1:25,000.

Sgt. A.J. Reeder.
Int Sec 2/8 Bn.



Position From 0700 to 1000 hrs on 4 DEC

Position From 1400 to 1900 hrs on 4 DEC

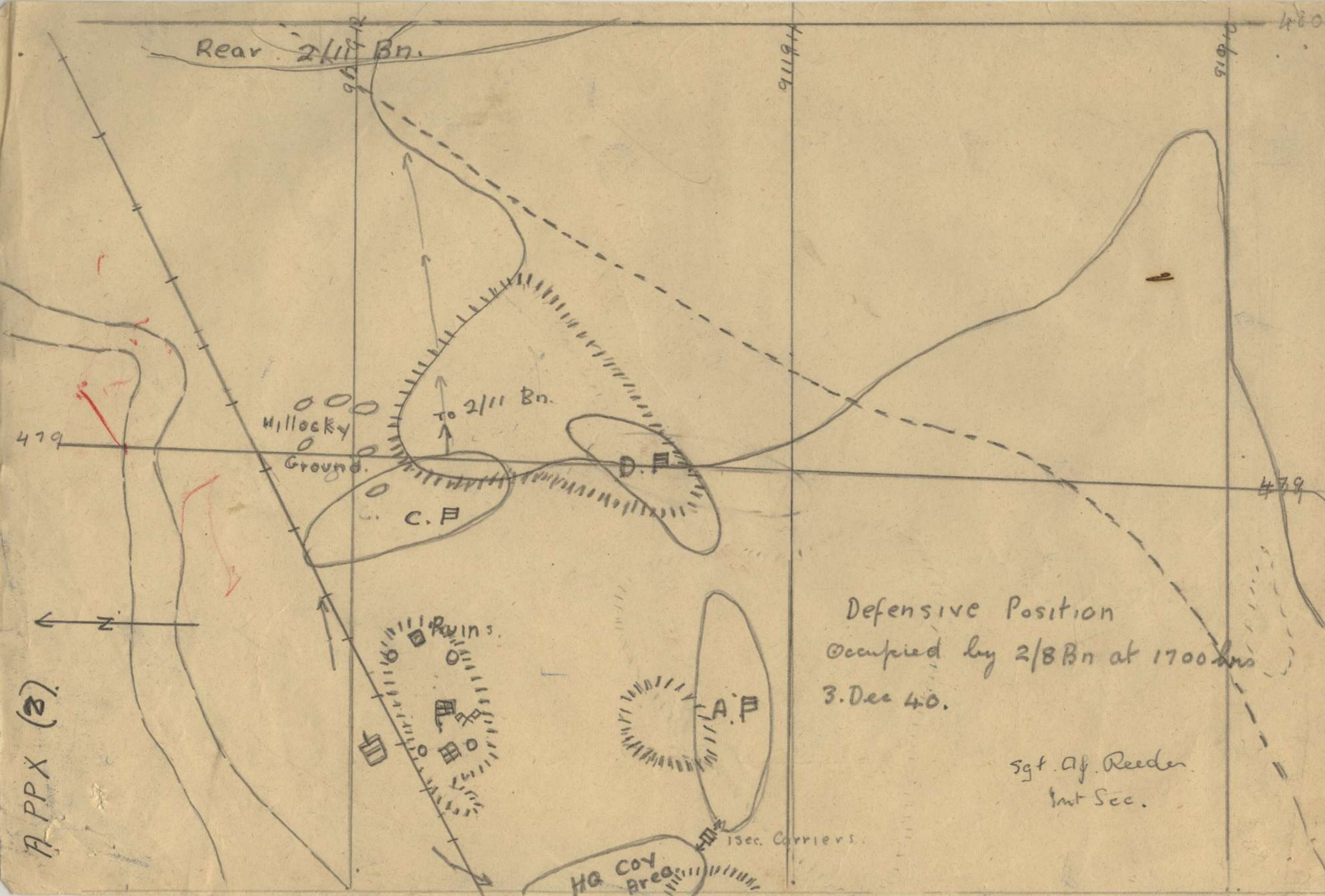
Position 1700 hrs 3 DEC. to 1000 hrs 4 DEC

1200 hrs DEC 3

over.

REF. EL. GHAYATA 1:100,000.

This enlargement shows Area of Div
Exercise from Dec 3 to 5th excluding Bn Position on
morning of Dec 5. This position was only occupied for
early morning of Dec 5. Ref 875 145 was position of B.H.L.



Defensive Position
 Occupied by 2/8 Bn at 1700 hrs
 3. Dec 40.

Sgt. A. J. Reeder
 Int Sec.

APPX (2)

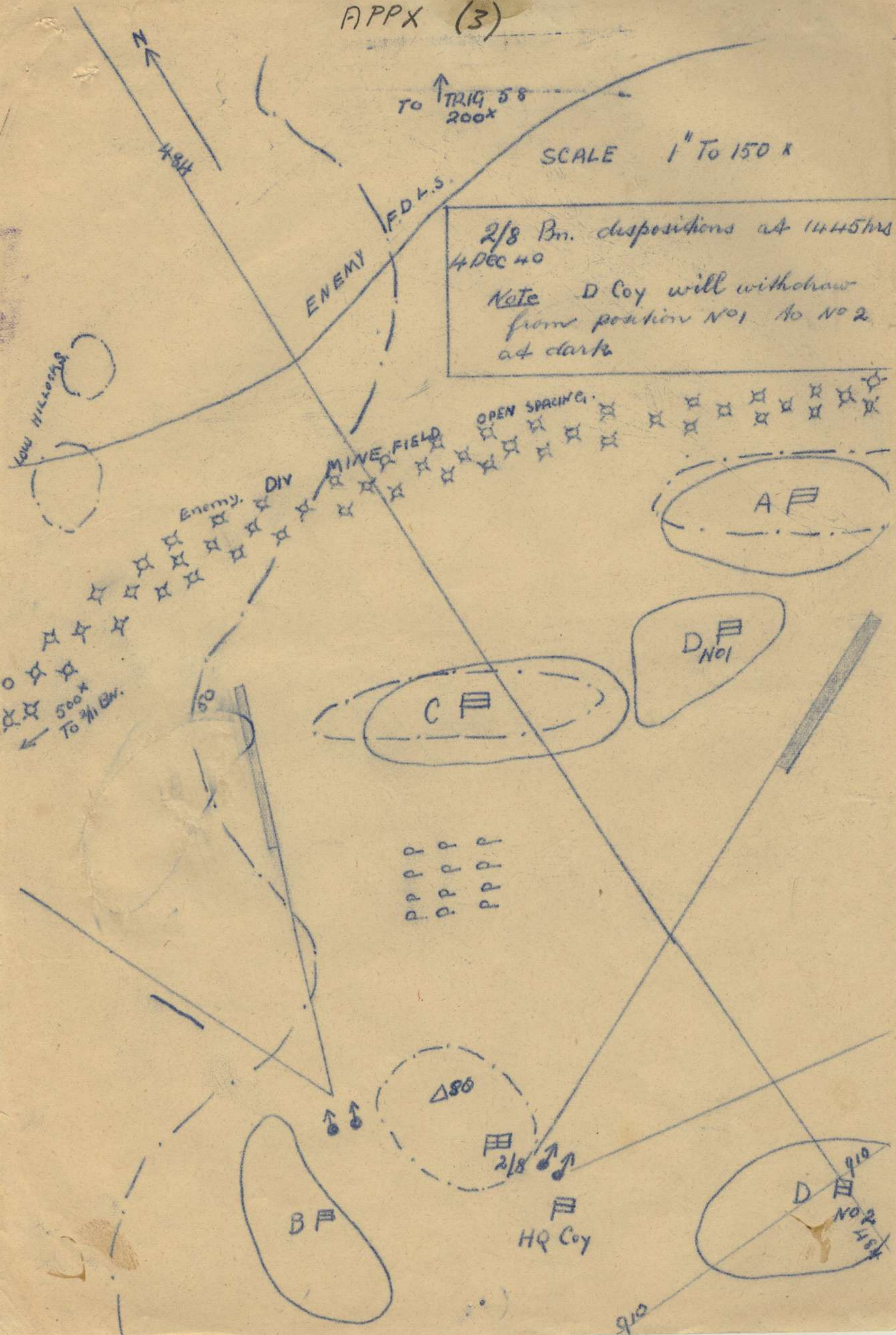
APPX (3)

TO ↑ TRIG 58
200x

SCALE 1" To 150 x

2/8 Bn. dispositions at 1445hrs
4 DEC 40

Note D Coy will withdraw
from position No 1 to No 2
at dark



APPX (4)

10

2/8 BN. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION
No. 25

1. The following kit will be returned to Kit Store on 23 Dec. 40.
(a) Officers - All Kit in excess of valise and pack.
(b) O.R's - All kit in excess of pack.

N.B. Blankets will not be returned

2. Kit will be dumped in Company areas at points North of Main road running East West through Camp by 0630 hours 23 Dec. 40 in the following distinct groups:-

Group	1	A	to	H
"	2	I	to	Q
"	3	R	to	Z


- (1)
3. Coys will prepare a nominal roll of depositing personnel in duplicate on A.I.F. K.S.4, arranged in Alphabetical Order and duly completed. Separate pages will be used for each vehicle and for each group in a vehicle. A separate entry will be made for each article deposited. (one group on each vehicle - 3 vehicles)
(ii) Both copies of A.I.F. K.S.4 will accompany the deposit each article of which will have firmly attached to it label A.I.F. K.S.3 duly completed. Particulars for back of A.I.F. K.S.3 will NOT be filled in. Separate lists will be submitted for Officers and Other Ranks.
(iii) Keys of all locked articles will be firmly attached thereto.
(iv) Lieut. J.E.M. Hall will be unit representative and will obtain original copies of K.S.4 duly receipted.
(v) Coys will appoint two men per Group to act as loading parties in respect thereof.
(vi) Strict economy must be observed in the use of form K.S.4, as limited supplies are available.
(vii) The following vehicles will report as under for loading purposes -

To A Coy and thence to Bn.H.Q.
3 - 30 cwts.

To C Coy and thence to D Coy
3 - 30 cwts.


To HQ Coy - 3 - 30 cwts.

Care must be taken to ensure that only one group is loaded on each vehicle.

 Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **9**

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP 
	OUT		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO

2/8 Bon, 2/4 Bon, 2/11 Bon, 2/7 7d sub

FROM

19th Div Prof Bde

Originator's Number

0 110

Date

30

In Reply to Numbers

CO	2/8	Bon	will	Comd	bde
less	convoy	as	from	0630	hours
31 Dec					

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M. H. ...

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Originator's instructions*
Degree of priority

Time of origin.

1415

Signed

Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

1425

T.O.R.

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R.H.Q.

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6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

BURG EL ARAB,
1 Dec. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt.Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.

No. 133

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat
 Bn. O.O. - Lieut. Trevorrow.
 n.f.d. - " Fleming

2. SPEED LIMITS - MECHANICAL VEHICLES AND MOTOR CYCLES:

(i) The following speed limits will be observed and will not be exceeded by drivers of mechanical vehicles and motor cycles:-

TYPES	SPEED LIMITS		
	In Towns & Villages	On Main Roads outside Towns & Villages	Normal cross Country and daries of Desert.
<u>WHEELED VEHICLES.</u>			
Cars and Motor Cycles	20	45	30
8-cwt. 15-cwt. Trucks, 12-cwt. Vans, Motor Ambulances	20	40	25
Cars, Armoured Reconnaissance	20	45	30
30-cwt. lorries, 4 & 6 wheeled	15	30	20
2-3 ton lorries, 4-wheeled	15	30	20
Field Arty. Tractor with Gun and/or Trailer	10	25	15
3-ton lorries, 6-wheeled	15	30	20
Medium Arty. Tractor towing equipment on pneumatic tyres	10	20	15
Medium Arty. Tractor towing equipment on steel tyres	8	12	10
<u>TRACKED VEHICLES.</u>			
Light Tanks	12	20	15
Carriers, all classes	12	20	15

(ii) The speed limits within Barracks and Military Areas will not exceed those shown on Notice Boards within Military Areas and Unit lines.

(iii) The speed limit for vehicles operating in the Desert will be as instructed by the Officer, Warrant Officer, or Non-Commissioned Officer i/c Convoy unless otherwise laid down by the Commander of the Operations or Training, etc., on which employed, but in no case will the speed limits as given above be exceeded in normal circumstances.

(iv) In black-out areas between sunset and sunrise, the following speed limit will not be exceeded by any vehicles:-

In Towns and Villages 15 M.P.H.

(v) This order will be strictly complied with by all concerned.

3. USE OF FRONT SEAT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

Under no circumstances will more than two persons ride in the front seat of any Army vehicle. Infringements of this order will be severely dealt with.

[Signature] Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

Note - Please amend Nos. of previous two orders from Q130 & Q131 to - Q131 and Q132

R.H.Q. N.B.

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2/8 Bn.

BURG-EL-ARAB,
2 Dec. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt.Col. J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.

No. 134

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. M.J.DWYER.
n.f.d. - " J.H.Griffiths

2. TRACK DISCIPLINE -

The importance of track discipline must be impressed on all ranks. It has been noted that the following faults are still prevalent in the unit:- Vehicles leaving marked tracks and making fresh tracks; vehicles being driven right up to H.O's, A.A. Posts etc.; vehicles not observing orders re density and speed; vehicles grouping round kitchens, stores, etc.

3. AUST. COMFORTS FUND.

The following articles have been received from A.C.F.

1,500	Envelopes
5,000	Sheets of paper.
1	Tri-Tactics
1	Chinese Checkers
6	darts
2	Tudo
1	Carton Books
1	Monopoly
1	Draughts
1	Chess
1	Domino
1	Cribbage
4	Bottles Waterman's Ink.

4. WATER.

Water Trucks will commence delivery of water to Coy lines at 0800 hrs. daily. Coys will ensure that all tins etc. which require filling are placed on the side of roads and tracks. Water trucks will not leave roads to deliver water to tents.

5. INTERFERENCE WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY

Complaints have been received regarding the removal of:-

- (a) Two 5 metre pipes of 6 c.m. diameter from the AGRICULTURAL GARDENS in the rear of Bde. H.O.
- (b) Two wooden seats from outside a tomb on the ridge south of the Ry Line between BURG EI ARAB and BAHIG.

Any information regarding either of these matters will be communicated forthwith through the usual channels to Bn.H.O.

6. EYESHIELDS A.G.

Eyeshields A.G. will ONLY be worn for the protection of the eyes against aircraft spray and liquid blister gases.

7. REGIMENTAL STRETCHER BEARERS

Regimental Stretcher Bearers will not wear brassards but will wear armllets bearing in red the letters "S.B." on white drill. The entry "Stretcher Bearer" will be made in Army Book WF5. The following entry will be made in addition:-

"Protected under the provisions of the Geneva Convention 1929, whilst carrying out these duties (Articles 9, (para 2) and 21 (para 2))."

8. LEAVE TO VISIT OTHER CAMPS -

Approval has been given for the granting of leave to personnel of this Bn., enabling them to visit 16 and 17 Aust. Inf. Bde. Camps.

These visits are confined to Sundays between 0900 hrs and 1600 hrs and the necessity for good behaviour should be stressed to those visiting other camps.

9. REMOVAL OF STONE -

The removal of stone from areas in the vicinity of the camp, without special authority is forbidden.

Coys requiring stone for revetting etc., should apply to Bn. H.Q. and areas from which it can be obtained will be indicated.

10. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

The following instruction issued in 6 Aust. Div. circular 3507/G dated 7 Oct. 40 is repeated:-


"When called, answer the telephone by giving your rank, name and appointment; the caller should then give you his for identification purposes, after which, the conversation should commence.

11. DISCIPLINE: Soldiers under arrest:

Attention is drawn to A.M.R. & O. 396(i) which provides that:-

"In the Permanent Forces at all times, the cases of soldiers in arrest will be disposed of daily (Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day excepted)".

If owing to circumstances beyond the control of the Unit it is not possible to deal with cases daily, there must be a minimum of delay.

 Lieut.

Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Bn HQ
BURG ET ARAB,

6 Dec. 40.

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.

No. 135

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. Orderly Officer - Lieut. I.J. Sheedy
n. f. d. - " E.R. Wilmoth.

2. GREEN ENVELOPES

- (i) Green Envelopes are issued for the transmission of letters relating to private and family affairs only.
- (ii) The certificate as to contents, printed on the face of the envelope, must be signed by the writer.
- (iii) All ranks may use one green envelope per week. A soldier drawing an envelope he does not use cannot give it to someone else. In no case may a soldier use more than one in the course of a week.

3. AUST. COMFORTS FUND.

The following articles have been received from A.C.F.

Soap, Velvet,	Bars	375
Socks.	prs.	740
Boot polish	Tins	750
Tooth Paste	Tubes	750

4. TRAFFIC ROUTES - ALEXANDRIA.

Portion of the Rue Fouad el Ahwal between Rue Gerbel and the junction of Rue Sultan Hussein and Avenue Belgique, will be closed to all traffic for 20 days from 2 Dec. 40.

The following route has been laid down for and will be followed by all Military traffic moving to ALEXANDRIA or returning.

Rue BELGIQUE
Rue ABDEI KADER
Station Square - Cross over Rue NEBI DANIEL
and KING OSMAN into.
Rue LER KHEDIVE
Rue IBRAHIM IER
Rue KOUBRI EL TARIKH
Rue du MEX

Civil and Military Police will be posted at all important points to assist and direct drivers.

5. ATLANTIC HOTEL:

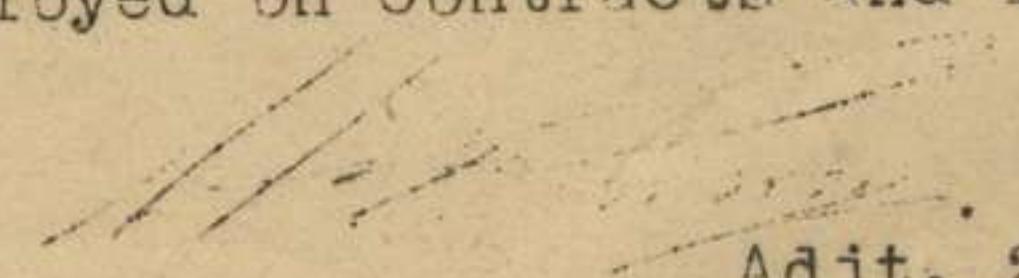
The Atlantic Hotel, ALEXANDRIA, is a hostel for other ranks only, and is out of bounds to Officers, except those who have duty with the Aust. Comforts Fund representatives who control the Hostel.

6. FOULED GROUND:

All areas used as latrine sites on bivouacs, exercises, or security posts will be properly filled in on leaving with a seal of 6" of earth, oiled if possible, and clearly marked with an L of stones to denote fouled ground.

7. GIFTS TO NATIVES

Cases have occurred recently of waste food, etc. being given as gifts to natives in camp areas. Emphasis is laid on the orders excluding natives from camp areas unless employed on Contracts and in possession of passes.

 Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

B.N.H.Q.

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BURG ET ARAB,
7 Dec. 40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1
by

Lt.Col. J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 136

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. E.P. Wilmoth
n.f.d. - " S. Van Citters

2. SWIMMING PARADE

Coy's will arrange own transport direct with M.T.O.
Each Coy will be responsible for its own A.A. Protection and for live saving squad at Beach.

3. CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Mass Padre O'Callaghan
0800 hrs 2/8 Bn. Recreation Tent
Unit Parade - 0830 hrs. Padre Peirce.
Markers to R.S.M. at Bn.H.Q. at 0815 hrs.
Coy's march on at 0820 hrs.

4. RESPIRATORS, ANTI-GAS - HEAD HARNESS:

Head harness of Respirators which has been in constant use insufficiently strong and should be replaced immediately. Periodical inspection of Respirators will be made, particular attention being paid to the condition of the elastic webbing. Webbing elastic $\frac{3}{4}$ " is expendable and replacable as a unit repair.

5. FIELD SECURITY SERVICE:

There have been instances of failure by units to assist personnel of this service when asked to do so. It is emphasised that this is NOT a police service for locating and punishing military offences, but it operates for the safety of the whole Force. Assistance will be given to members of the Service by all units whenever requested.

6. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE:

Officers and O/Rs may claim 125 milles per day when absent from camp on leave for two days or more. This amount, however, is not payable to personnel quartered at the premises conducted by the Australian Comforts Fund at ALEXANDRIA.

J.W. Mitchell Lieut.
for Adj. 2/8 Bn.

4 before

Battalion H. Q Mess Orderlies

8.12.40	Towers, McMaham, Werrinboron,	Mc Cormick
9.12.40	Stephens Saunders, Savagna x	Peerman
10.12.40	Grant , Chute Power	Randall.
11.12.40	Quigg Davey, Kemp	Farmer
12.12.40	Baies, Grant Griffith	
13.12.40	Peerman Randall Farmer	
14.12.40	Mc Cormick Blower x Gravenor	
15.12.40	Perry x Shafiq Ferris	
16.12.40	L. Stephens Mc James Lynch	
17.12.40	Stephens Kennedy Hallett Bullard	
		Lt Perry to be a sitcher to supervise drawing of Rastun
11 Dec 40.	Griffith Randall Farmer x	

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BURG EL ARAB,
9 Dec. 40.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.

No. 137

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. Fleming A.P.
n.f.d. - " Yeates L.A.

2. CONCERT PARTY -

"Hello Sappers" Concert Party will give a performance at 1445 hours
10 Dec. 40.

Location - South of 2/8 Bn. Lines
Admission Free

"D" Coy will mount 2 A.A. L.M.G's in area. N.C.O. i/c party will
report to Lieut. Jones at 1430 hrs.

PAY

Coys will notify Pay Sgt. by 0800 hours each Tuesday of the names
of personnel who do not desire to draw pay on the following pay day.

SKILL AT ARMS

The following results of Range Practices are published for
information.

(a) Best Shooting Coy.

"B" Coy. 93%

(b) Best Rifle Shot in Bn.

VX 6401 Sgt. Adams J.S. H.Q. Coy

Score
210

(c) Marksmen

VX 6401	Sgt. Adams J.S.	H.Q. Coy	210
VX 6240	Pte. Telley I.F.	H.Q. Coy	203
VX 5394	L/Cpl. Blake A.B.	A Coy	200
VX 6011	Pte. Moroney J.P.	A "	200
VX 8611	" Poynton W.H.	H.Q. Coy	199
VX 7051	" Francis G.F.	D Coy.	197
VX 6076	" Jebb G.	H.Q. Coy	196
VX 6534	" Woods A.E.	H.Q. "	194
VX17340	" Lambell A.	B Coy	193
VX 6010	Cpl. Jordan C.J.	C "	192
VX 4894	Pte. Lister A.N.	B "	191
VX 9205	" Francombe L.W.	H.Q. Coy	191
VX 6459	Sgt. Williams C.O.	A Coy	191
VX 6498	Pte. Wilson E.A.	H.Q. Coy	191

(d) Skill-at-arms badges are worn on the forearm, the lower edge of
the badge being $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the cuff.

All skill-at-arms badges will be worn on the left arm with
the exception of the Crown & Crossed Rifles issued to Sergeants
& Section Commanders of the best shooting Coy. which will be worn
on the right arm with the crown above the crossed rifles.

J. A. Strong Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

W.D.

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Burg el Arab.
10 Dec. 40.

6 Aust. Div.
2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt. Col. J. W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 138

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.C. - Lieut. Dwyer.
n.f.d. - " Yeates. L.A.

2. REMOVAL OF TIMBER

Removal of timber from the windmill situated near BAHIG STATION
has occurred. Disciplinary action will be taken in any case where
soldiers interfere with this windmill.

Mott Strong Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

W.D.

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6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt.Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.

No. 139

BURG EL ARAB,

11 Dec, 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. Fleming A.P.

n.f.d. " Veates I.A.

2. SHOWER PARADE.

(a) Shower Parade will be held on 12 Nov.

(b) Coys will arrange reliefs for guards and duties to ensure that every man may have a shower. Coy reliefs may be marched down in formed bodies independently of the main body of their Coy and go through with the Coy which is at the bath-house at the time.

(c) Coys will shower in the following order:

1300 hrs	to	1330 hrs	Bn.H.Q.
1330	"	1350	A Coy
1350	"	1410	C "
1410	"	1500	HQ Coy
1500	"	-	D Coy.

SALVAGE BINS

Salvage bins in Bn. lines are NOT to be used as garbage tins. Severe disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders in this regard.

[Signature]
Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt.Col. J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 140

BURG EL ARAB,
12 Dec. 40.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. I.A.Veates.
n.f.d. - " J.W.Griffiths

2. TATTOO ROLL CALL REPORTS

Commencing 12 Dec. 40 Tattoo Roll Call reports - including
Vehicle Reports - will be telephoned to Bn. Orderly Officer at
Bn. H.Q.

3. COURTS MARTIAL:

The following sentences have been awarded by District Courts
Martial and confirmed by G.O.C. 6 Aust. Div.

<u>Name of accused</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Date of Offence</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Date of confirmation.</u>
NY4903 Sgt. John Hilton SPENCE. 2/3 Bn.	Conduct to the prej- udice of good order and military discipl- ine - using Govt. vehicle for private purposes.	7 Nov. 40.	Reduced to Ranks.	10 Dec. 40
VX3873 Pte. Basil George BLITZ. 2/6 Bn.	(1) Using insubord- inate language to his superior officer (2) Striking his sup- erior officer. (3) A.W.I.	24 Oct 40	42 days Detention	10 Dec.40.
NY8362 Pte. Victor James TOMKS. 2/2 Bn.	Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer.	18 Oct.40	28 days Detention	30 Nov 40
NY1362 Pte. Donald MILLS. 2/2 Bn.	Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior Officer	15 Aug.40	181 days Detention	30 Nov 40
NY2852 Pte. Walter Bernard JOHNSON. 2/2 Bn.	A.W.I. (two charges) total absence 30 hrs 30 mins.)	3/4 Nov. 40	120 days Detention	30 Nov.40


Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICE.

LOST - Compass, Prismatic, No. 197 on 4 Dec. in vicinity of IIWET MILASSA.
Anyone finding this compass to return same to O.M. immediately.

W.D.

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6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

BURG EL ARAB,
13 Dec. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt.Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.

No. 141

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. J.H. Griffith
n.f.d. - " M.J. Dwyer

2. AUST COMFORTS FUND.

The following articles have been received from A.C.F.

Tobacco	-	2 oz. tins	760
Cig. Papers		pkts.	1520
Fruit	-	Cases	7
Socks	-	Cartons	3

3. SECURITY

Since a proportion of the Bde. signal traffic is now transmitted by wireless, originators of messages must pay due regard to security, and take care that messages containing information useful to the enemy are not sent by wireless in clear.

The attention of all officers is to be drawn to WSPB 1939 Pamphlet 2 Sec 9.

4. BOUNDS - CAIRO

All ranks are notified that the following places in Cairo are placed out of Bounds.

- (a) The "Oxford Dance Hall" Sharia Ibrahim Pasha.
- (b) The "Copsis House" Hotel, Sharia Malika Mazli.

H. Hanson Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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14 Dec. 400

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No. 141 21

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. M.J. Dwyer
n.f.d. - " W. Wilmoth

2. CHURCH PARADE

Unit Service - Voluntary - Welfare Tent
0830 hrs. Padre DEITCHER.
P.O. Mass - Welfare Tent at 0930 hrs.
Padre. O'CAHAGHAN

3. CAMERAS

Ref. R.P.O. 121 Para 3 dated 16 Nov. 40. Cameras will be stored by personnel with their surplus kit. Coys will make arrangements to collect and store cameras at Surplus Kit Store for personnel who are not storing kit.

4. HEADINGS ON CORRESPONDENCE:

Unit will discontinue including location with the unit and date in the headings of correspondence. Under NO circumstances is the unit name to be connected with the particular camp or area in which it is stationed.

5. CAPTURED WAR MATERIAL:

The system of collection and disposal of captured war material is revised.

It will in future be handed in to the nearest Salvage Dump. Articles of an important nature will be handed over to the Officer Commanding or to a responsible N.C.O. of the Salvage Unit.

The Officer Commanding Salvage Unit will inform G.S. (I) of what has been handed in, and will ask for instructions as to disposal.

Technical reports required by G.S. (I) on any particular article will remain an Ordnance responsibility. Salvage will arrange for inspection of stores in conjunction with the local Ordnance representative.

6. AMMUNITION COMPONENTS:

(a) Ammunition components shown below are urgently required, and will no longer be treated as expendable stores. They will be recovered by Units and returned to Base Ammunition Depots through O.O.s i/c Ammunition Railheads.

S.A.A. and R.P.	Motor Ammunition
Cartons .55", .303", .320",	Puze Caps.
.380", and R.P. .22", Cylinders	Tail covers and Cups
R.P. .22", "Tear Off" lids of	Carriers.
linings (all S.A.A. boxes)	Tail Unit, from Recovered.
Belts Ammunition Stripless .303"	Smoke
Pandoliers Cotton and Chargers.	Bombs
<u>Grenades</u>	Spare secondary Charges.
Gas Check Plates)	<u>Cartridges Illuminating & Signal.</u>
Base Plugs) Grenades	Wired Cartridges
Split Rings and Pins.)	Tear Off Lids of linings
Keys) No. 36	<u>Generator Smoke</u>
Empty Cylinders for dete)	Lids
Cylinders for Ctges. S.A.P.G.	Striker Sticks
For Nos. 36, 58, 59, & 63 Grenades	
Protecting Caps for Grenades	
58, 59, and 63.	
Brassards from Grenades Hand .7. Type	

Empty Cylinders for:-
 Detonators (Complete with packing)
 (for all types) and Rectifiers.
 Guncotton Primer.
 Ctges. S.A.R.G.
 Fuzes.
 Ctges. R.F.
 Flares
 Thunderflashes.

Primers
 Tubes.
 Fuze Safety.
 Gun Ammunition.
 Grummets.
 Fuze Caps.
 Fired Cartridge Cases.

(b) Particular attention will be given to the recovery and return of Belts Ammunition Stripless, .303".

7. DRIVING OF ARMY VEHICLES.

Attention is drawn to the following extracts from Standing Orders A.I.P. (Pamphlet 3, paras 19 and 20).

19. Private Purposes.

The use of Australian Military Vehicles for private purposes is prohibited.

20. Officers Driving Vehicles.

Officers may drive Australian Military Motor Vehicles only in the following exceptional circumstances:-

- (a) When the driver is incapacitated.
- (b) In an emergency, or
- (c) To afford relief to the driver on long journeys.

Lieut.

Adjt. 2, 3 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.

No. 143

W.D.

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15 Dec. 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. E.R. Wilmoth

n.f.d. " S. Van Citters

2. PHOTOGRAPHERS

Transactions of any nature including acceptance of free art portraits of HM King George VI are prohibited with Mr. J. WEINBERG, photographer, of 165 Sh Emad el Din, CAIRO.

3. IDENTIFICATION -

Coys will ensure that all reference to the holder's unit are erased from the paybook. Special attention will be paid to the Blood Gp. ticket at the back of the paybook.

~~Adj. 2/8 Bn.~~ Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

Note - Please amend number of previous order from 141 to 142.

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6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

It. Col. J. W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.

No. 144

W.D.
BURG ET ARAB,
16 Dec. 40.

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1. DUTIES

5 No mount at Retreat

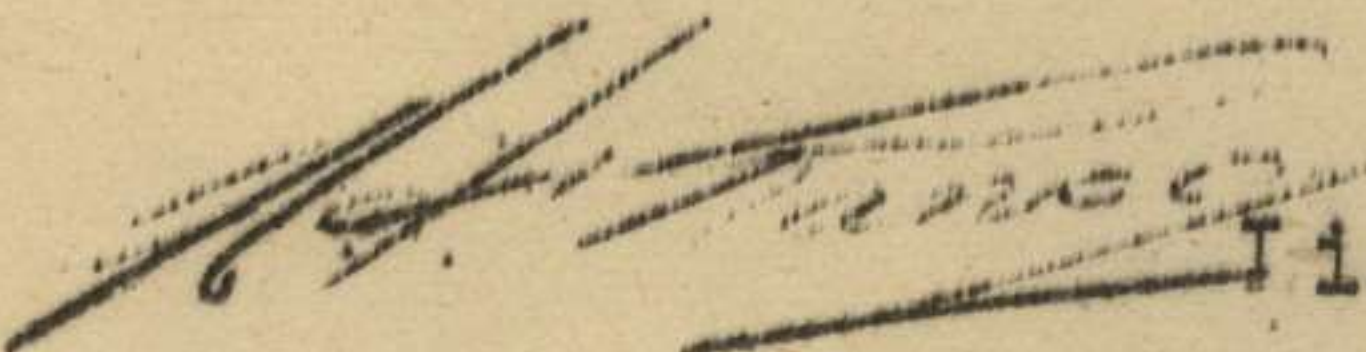
Bn. O.O. - Lieut. Van Citters C.

n.f.d. - " Sheedy B.J.

2. PARCELS

A number of customs declaration forms have been issued to Coys together with a translation into English.

Personnel desirous of sending parcels are advised to do so, without delay, through their Coy H.O.


Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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2/8 Bn.
ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.
by

BURG EL ARAB
19 Dec. 4

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 145

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. H.V. Anderson.
n.f.d. - " L.A. Yeates.

~~...~~ Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn

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2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

BURG EL ARAB,
20 Dec. 40.

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O., - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 146.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat
Bn.O.O. - Lieut. L.A. Yeates.
n.f.d. - " S. Van Citters.

2. TRANSPORT

All Coys are to take action immediately to ensure that at least 2 men per Platoon are capable of acting as reserve drivers. Transport Cpls. attached to Coys. will give necessary tuition.

John Strong Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

BURG EL ARAB
21 Dec. 40.

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 147.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn.O.O. Lieut. S. Van Citters.

n.f.d. " M.J. Dwyer.

2. CHURCH PARADES

Unit Parade - 0830 hrs. Padre Peices.
Markers to R.S.M. at Bn.H.Q. at 0815 hrs.
Coys. march on at 0820 hrs.

R.C. Mass. - 0645 hrs - Padre O'Callaghan.
2/8 Bn. Recreation Hut.

3. POSTAL SERVICE

In the event of any person leaving the unit care should be taken that ARMY POSTAL RE-DIRECTION card is completed in order that unnecessary delay in forwarding of mail may be avoided. Similarly when any person changes his address in any other circumstances, the same procedure should be adopted.

J. C. H. Strong Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn

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2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

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23 Dec. 40.

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Lt.Col.J.W.Mitchell,D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn.,A.I.F.
No 148.

K 1. DUTIES. - To mount at Retreat

Bn.O.O. - Lieut. S.G.Jacobs.
n.f.d. - " H.J.McL.Maskell.

2. POSTINGS.

The following changes in postings took effect on
22Dec.40.

New Postings.

Bn.I.O.	-	Lieut.	A.P.Fleming.
Pl.Commdr.			
No.17 Pl.	-	"	H.J.McL.Maskell.
Pl.Commdr.			
A.A. No.18 Pl.	-	"	H.McP.Austin.
Pl.Commdr.			
No.13 Pl.	-	VX 6568 W.O.l.	J.C.Gately.
Pl.Commdr.			
No.18 Pl.	-	VX 5479	Sgt. Rumley.
R.S.M.	-	VX 7007	" Cross.

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6 Aust. Div.
2/8 Bn.

E G Y P T,
24 Dec. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt.Col.J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 149

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. Orderly Officer - Lieut. H.J.McL.Maskell
Next for duty - " W.K.Field

2. CANTEEN.

Commencing 24 Dec. the A.A.C.S. will provide the following
service:-

Coffee and biscuit 5% (Personnel to provide their own
drinking mugs).


Canteen will be open for Coffee service only between 1800 and
1900 hours daily.

3. CANTEEN ORDERS -

Approval has been granted for personnel cashing Canteen
Orders to purchase two Air-mail stamps with each 5/- Canteen Order.

4. FLEET CLUB -

Fleet Club, ALEXANDRIA is out of bounds to Aust. troops as
from today.

 Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

W. H. Day

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6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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by

Lt. Col. J. W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 150

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. Orderly Officer - Lieut. A.C. Russell
n.f.d. - " S.C. Diffey

2. CANTEENS

Bn. Canteens are Out of Bounds for all tps other than
members of the Bn. in whose lines they are situated.

The Bde. HQ Canteen is Out of Bounds to all tps except
Bde. HQ, 2/7 Fd. Amb. and NZ Tps.

[Signature]
Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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2/8 Bn.

E G Y P T,

27 Dec. 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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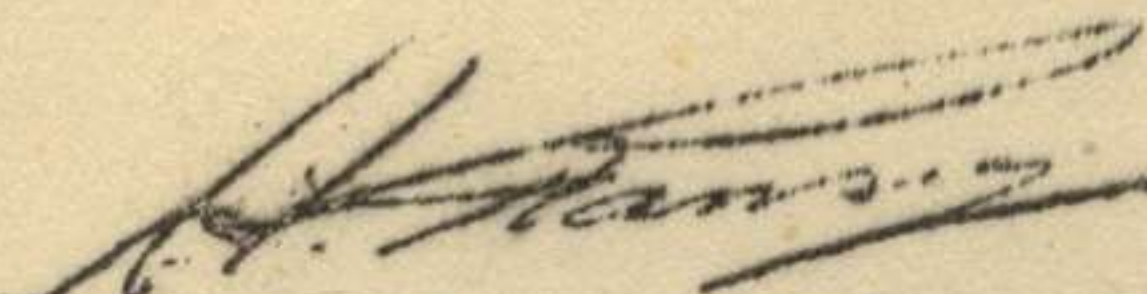
Lt. Col. J. W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.,
No. 151

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. S. C. Diffey.
n.f.d. - " W. K. Field.

2. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE -

All ranks are reminded that, as the unit is under orders to be prepared to move at very short notice, personnel who absent themselves without leave will be liable to be charged with desertion in the face of the enemy.

 Lieut.

Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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BURG EL ARAB
28 Dec. 40.

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Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 152.

- 1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat
Bn. Q.O. Lieut. F.I. Phelan.
n.f.d. " J.F. Burrowes.

- 2. CHURCH PARADES
Unit Service - 0900 hrs. Padre Peirce
Markers to R.S.M. at Bn.H.Q. at 0845 hrs.
Coys: march on at 0850 hrs.

R.C. Mass - 0645 hrs. - Padre O'Callaghan
2/8 Bn. Recreation Hut.

R.L. Affey Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

6 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 4.

Based on information received between 1300 hrs 29 Dec and 1300 hrs 31 Dec 40.

Ref Maps: BARDIA North)
BARDIA South) 1/50,000 dated 26 Dec 40.

1. ENEMY ACTIVITY.

At 1630 hrs 30 Dec an enemy patrol of approx 100 approached outposts of our right bn in Southern sector from vicinity of pt 170 (51953849). Fire was opened on them and patrol immediately retired leaving a number of dead, and one wounded man, who was captured.

Arty OP and patrols on our left front report considerable MT activity during night in areas near the perimeter, between the main CAPUZZO Rd and the southern corner of the perimeter.

It is apparent that the enemy is unaware of the position of our fwd posts, and parties of them may be intercepted at any part of our front.

2. OUR OPERATIONS.

At dusk 29 Dec, a Naval patrol captured a schooner, which was leaving BARDIA for TOBRUCH. They took 100 prisoners of a Pioneer Bn, who had been working in BARDIA, and released British prisoners recently captured in this area.

These report that the Fortress HQ BARDIA seems to be in the area SE of the loop in the CAPUZZO Rd (sq 516394) in a deep wadi. Italians on board report:-

- (i) On 17 Dec a schooner brought 500 land mines into BARDIA.
- (ii) The strong points in the defences are mainly open sangars.
- (iii) 6 tanks, type M 13, were seen and there are about 35 of this type, and approx 70 Lt Tanks in the area.
Comment: These figures seem high.
- (iv) Gun which fires at SALUM is 149 mm.

A patrol of right Bn investigated WADI MUATERED on night 30/31 Dec, about 52013861 and found a large party of enemy building sangars on the north bank.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

In addition to the wounded prisoner, a Red Cross Corporal was captured whilst searching for the wounded man. Both belonged to 157 Regt of 63 DIV. It is possible that 63 and 64 DIVS have taken up the positions they held in BARDIA in August last with 63 DIV on South and 64 DIV on North.

4. ENEMY MORALE.

Both PW captured confirm statements made by British prisoners that food rations in BARDIA Garrison are extremely short and morale of men is poor. PW also state that our arty fire has caused a number of casualties.

TIME OF SIGNATURE: 1500 hrs 31 Dec 40.

METHOD OF ISSUE: DRLS & LO'S

R. L. ...
Colonel,
GS 6 Aust Div.

Distribution -

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

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DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																1	
Clerks																2	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																1	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																4	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
Cooks																1	
General duty personnel																29	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																38	

2/8 Bn.

Unit.

Major
Signature of Commander.

Major.

Date of Despatch 7 Dec. 1940

19 Aust. Div. Bde.; Divn.; Area, etc., with which unit is serving. A/C.O. 2/8 Bn. ARAB

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	23		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	36		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

W.D.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL J.W.	1 Aust.	No.	Course
Major	VX 81	CADES H.C.	"	Yes	
"	VX148	KRY A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	"	
Capt.	VX330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	"	
"	VX 55	COOMBS C.J.A.	"	"	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.H.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX203	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON G.I.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	No.	Course
"	VX213	ROBERTSON W.P.	"	No.	"
"	SX1451	BRAMHAM D.	"	Yes	
Lieut.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	"	"	
"	VX 244	AUSTIN H.McP.	"	"	
"	VX 204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH E.P.	"	"	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	"	
"	VX 282	BURROWS I.P.	"	"	
"	VX7619	RANSON W.P.	"	"	
"	VX7030	HALL J.A.H.	"	"	
"	VX 547	VAN CITTERS S.	"	"	
"	VX 533	PHILLAN R.I.	"	No.	Hospital
"	VX6275	VEATES I.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX3359	FLEMING A.P.	"	"	
"	VX6599	STRONG J.H.	"	"	
"	VX6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	
"	VX5649	LOVE T.A.	"	"	
"	VX6423	FIELD E.K.	"	"	
"	VX20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	"	
"	VX 9768	WYER M.J.	"	"	
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON H.V.	"	"	
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG E.C.	"	"	
"	VX 6569	BRIFFIEN J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL A.G.	"	"	
"	VX 5158	TREVORROW R.V.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX6599	ANDERSON H.V.	1 Aust.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	VX1561	BRIDGE S.H.	"	2/12/40	Medical Officer
"	VX3351	MAYRHOFER W.	"	2/7/40	Medical Officer (replacing Capt. Anderson who is in hospital at present)

2/8 Bn., A.I.F. (Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

7 Dec. 1940 (Date of Despatch.)

19 Aust. Inf. Bde., 6 Aust. Div., A/C.O. 2/8 Bn. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
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Lieutenants	23		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	36		2

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

W.D.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL J.W.	1 Aust.	No.	Course
Major	VX 81	CAPEL H.C.	"	Yes	
"	VX148	KEY A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	"	
Capt.	VX330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	"	
"	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	"	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX203	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	No.	Course
"	VX213	ROBERTSON W.T.	"	Yes	
"	SX1451	BRAHAM D.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	"	"	
"	VX 244	AUSTIN H. McP.	"	"	
"	VX 204	MASKELL H.J. McL.	"	"	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH E.R.	"	"	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	"	
"	VX 282	BURROWES J.F.	"	"	
"	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	"	"	
"	VX 7030	HALL J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX 547	VAN GITTERS S.	"	"	
"	VX 533	PHELAN F.I.	"	No.	Hospital
"	VX 6275	YEATES L.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX 3359	FLEMING A.P.	"	"	
"	VX 6599	STRONG J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	
"	VX 5649	LOVE T.A.	"	"	
"	VX 6423	FIELD W.K.	"	"	
"	VX 20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	"	
"	VX 9768	DWYER M.J.	"	"	
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON H.V.	"	"	
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG E.C.	"	"	
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITHS J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL A.C.	"	"	
"	VX 5158	TREVORROW R.W.	"	No	Hospital

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	WX 6522	ANDERSON R.B.	1 Aust.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	WX 1561	PEIRCE E.M.	"	20/5/40	Chaplain
"	WX 3351	MAYRHOFER M.	"	4/12/40	Medical Officer
(replacing Capt. Anderson who is in hospital at present).					

2/8 Bn

(Unit.)

14 Dec. 1940

(Date of Despatch.)

Major.

(Signature of Commanders) / C.O.
2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

19 Aust. Inf. Bde. 6 Aust. Div. A.I.F.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)
Burg el Arab

W.D.

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners														1	
Clerks														2	
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons														1	
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers														4	
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks														1	
General duty personnel														34	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														43	

2/8 Bn Unit.

Major. Signature of Commanding Officer. 2/8 Bn.

Date of Despatch 14 Dec. 40. 19 Aust Inf. Bde. 6 Aust. Div. A.I.F. Burg el Arab Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

2/8 Bn., A.I.F. Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

2/8 Bn., A.I.F. Unit.

J. J. J. J.
Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.
C.O. 2/8 Bn.

Date of Despatch 21 Dec. 1940 19 Aust. Inf. Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. BURG-EL-ARAB.
D.3459, Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn., A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	23		3
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	36		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	DIFFEY S.C.	1 Aust.	21/12/40	From 19 Aust Inf. Trng. Bn.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	TREVORROW R.W.	1 Aust.	19/12/40	"X" listed

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL J. B.	1 Aust.	Yes	
Major.	VX 81	CAPES H. C.	"	"	
"	VX 148	KEY A. S.	"	"	
"	VX 49	McDONALD E. H.	"	"	
Capt.	VX 330	CAMPBELL R. E.	"	"	
"	VX 55	COOMBS C. J. A.	"	"	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J. A. M.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T. J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX 203	SMITH J. A. H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON C. L.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY H. K.	"	No.	Course
"	VX 213	ROBERTSON W. T.	"	Yes	
"	SX 1451	BRAMAM D.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	"	"	
"	VX 244	AUSTIN H. McP.	"	"	
"	VX 204	MASKELL H. J. McI.	"	"	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH E. R.	"	No.	Detached 6 Aust. Div. (Special Duties)
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I. G.	"	No.	ditto
"	VX 282	BURROVES J. E.	"	Yes	
"	VX 7619	RANSOM H. F.	"	"	
"	VX 7030	HALL J. E. M.	"	"	
"	VX 6596	DIFFEY S. C.	"	"	
"	VX 547	VAN CITTERS S.	"	"	
"	VX 533	PHILAN F. I.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6875	YEATES L. A.	"	Yes	
"	VX 3359	FLEMING A. P.	"	"	
"	VX 6599	STRONG J. E.	"	"	
"	VX 6131	JACOBS S. G.	"	"	
"	VX 5649	LOWE T. A.	"	"	
"	VX 6423	FIELD W. K.	"	"	
"	VX 20309	SHERDY L. J.	"	"	
"	VX 9768	DEYER M. J.	"	"	
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON H. V.	"	"	
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG E. G.	"	"	
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J. H.	"	"	
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL A. C.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX 6522	ANDERSON R. E.	1 Aust.	15/5/40	Medical Officer
"	VX 1561	PEIRCE F. M.	"	20/5/40	Chaplain
"	VX 3351	MAYRHOFER W.	"	1/12/40	Medical Officer

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(Unit.)

21 Dec. 40

(Date of Despatch.)

J. Russell Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

C.O. 2/8 Bn.

19 Aust. Inf. Bde. 6 Aust. Div. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

BURG EL ARAB.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 BATTALION, A. I. F. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels... ..	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	22		3
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
District Officers			
TOTALS	35		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	ANDERSON	R.R. 1 Aust.	24/12/40	from A.A.M.C. (attached Medical Officer)

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	MAYRHOFER	M. 1 Aust.	24/12/40	Rejoined A.A.M.C.
Lieut.	YEATES	L.A. "	28/12/40	Placed on Regimental Supernumerary List.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

W.D.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL J.W.	1 Aust.	Yes	Commanding Officer
Major	VX 81	CAPEL H.C.	"	"	2 i/c.
"	VX 148	KEY A.S.	"	"	O.C. HQ Coy
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	"	" A "
Capt.	VX 330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	"	" C "
"	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	"	" B "
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	"	Quartermaster
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No.	M.E.T.S. LETS
"	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes	O.C. D Coy
"	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	"	"	2 i/c B Coy
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	No.	Course
"	VX 213	ROBERTSON W.K.T.	"	Yes	2 i/c C Coy
"	SX 1451	BRAHAM D.	"	"	2 i/c D Coy
Lieut.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	"	"	2 i/c A Coy
"	VX 244	AUSTIN H.McP.	"	"	O.C. A.A. Pl.
"	VX 204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	"	"	O.C. No. 17 Pl.
"	VX 206	WILMOTH E.R.	"	No.	Detached 6 Aust. Div (Special Duties
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	No.	ditto
"	VX 282	BURROWES J.F.	"	Yes	O.C. No. 10 Pl.
"	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	"	"	Adjutant.
"	VX 7030	HALL J.E.M.	"	"	O.C. Mortars (Asst Q.M.)
"	VX 6596	DIFFEY S.C.	"	"	XX.O.C. 16 Pl.
"	VX 547	VAN CITTERS S.	"	"	O.C. Pioneer Pl.
"	VX 533	PHELAN F.I.	"	"	O.C. Carriers
"	VX 275	XXXXXXXXXX	"	"	Superannuated
"	VX 3359	FLEMING A.P.	"	"	Intelligence Off.
"	VX 6599	STRONG J.H.	"	"	Assistant Adjt.
"	VX 6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	O.C. No. 8 Pl.
"	VX 5649	LOWE T.A.	"	"	Transport Officer
"	VX 6423	FIELD W.K.	"	"	O.C. No. 12 Pl.
"	VX 20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	"	Signal Officer
"	VX 9768	DWYER M.J.	"	"	O.C. No. 7 Pl.
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON H.V.	"	"	O.C. No. 14 Pl.
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG E.C.	"	"	O.C. No. 11 Pl.
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	"	"	O.C. No. 9 Pl.
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL A.C.	"	"	O.C. No. 15 Pl.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	WX 6522	ANDERSON R.R.	1 Aust.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	WX 1561	PEIRCE F.M.	"	20/5/40	Chaplain.

2/8 Bn.

(Unit.)

J. Marshall Lt. Col.
C.O. 2/8 Bn.
(Signature of Commander.)

28 Dec. 40.

(Date of Despatch.)

19 Aust. Inf. Bde. 6 Aust. Div. A.I.F.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

BURG EL ARAB.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

..... 2/8 Bn., A.I.F. (Unit). 28 Dec. 19 40 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	32		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	63		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	635		10
TOTALS	743	*	* 10

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Armourer Sgt.	A.A.O.C.		
1 Cpl. Fitter	A.A.O.C.		
1 Cpl. Shoemaker	A.A.O.C.		
1 Cpl.	A.A.M.C.		
1 Batman	19 Aust. Inf. Bde.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

WD.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																					
Butchers																					
Carpenters and Joiners																					
Clerks																					
Cooks																			2		
Despatch Riders																					
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																					
" " (Wheeled)																			2		
Drivers-Mechanics																					
Drivers-Operators																					
Electricians																					
Equipment Repairers... ..																					
Farriers																					
Fitters																					
Machine Gunners																					
Masons																					
Motor Mechanics																					
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																					
Plumbers and Pipefitters																					
Range Takers																					
Saddlers and Harness Makers																					
Saddle Tree Makers																					
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																					
Signallers																			2		
Storemen technical																					
Tailors																					
Wheelers																					
<u>ATTACHED PERSONNEL:</u>																			2	A.A.M.C.	
																			2	Fitters M.T.	
																1				Postal Orderly	
Mortar-men (not attached)																			2		
General duty personnel																			2		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			1	14	15

2/8 Battalion

Unit.

Lt. Col.

C.O. 2/8 Bn.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 28 Dec. 1940

1 (Aust. Inf. Bde. 6 Aust. Div. A.I.F. BURG-EL-ARAB Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.